24th September 1956] [Sri P. Venkatesha Sholagar]

பிரதேசங்களுக்குத்தான் கடன் கொடுக்க முடியும் என்றும் கலெக்டர் அவர்கள் எனக்கு எழுதியிருக்கிறார்கள். விவசாயிகள் உரத்திற்கும், விதைக்கும் பணமில்லாமல் அவதிப்படும் நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது, ஆகையால் புயல் நிவாரணத்திற்காகக் கொடுத்த கடன்களை தக்காவி கடன்கள் கணக்கில் எடுத்துக்கொண்டு, இப்பொழுது சாகுபடி செய்ய முடியாமல் தவிக்கும் விவசாயிகளுக்குக் கடன் கொடுக்க மறுத்தால் அது விவசாயிகளுக்கு மிகவும் கஷ்டத்தை விளைவிக்கும். ஆகையால் விவசாயிகளுக்கு சாகுபடி செய்வதற்கு தேவையான தக்காவி கடன்களை உடனடியாகக் கொடுத்து உதவவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காரைக் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன்.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I hope that a statement of fact about the steps taken in this respect will convince the hon. Member. Out of 4,971 applications received, 3,576 applications have been disposed of, leaving a balance of 1,395 applications. The number of accepted cases alone comes to 2,913, i.e., nearly 3,000 and not 1,000 only as stated by the hon. Member. A sum of Rs. 1,30,425 has been spent in Mannargudi taluk alone out of a total provision of Rs. 1,50,500. Additional allotment of funds has been applied for by the Board of Revenue and orders sanctioning Rs. 5 lakhs have been passed. Necessary allotment to Mannargudi and other taluks is being made and the remaining applications will be disposed of as early as possible. In these circumstances, the allegation made by the hon. Member regarding the disposal of applications is not correct and is not in accord with the facts.

IV.—PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1956-57.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. the Minister for Finance will present the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the year 1956–57.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I present the Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for the current financial year 1956–57 and the detailed estimates thereof. Copies of the statement of demands and the estimates have been laid on the table of the House.

As explained in the Introductory Memorandum, the present supplementary statement relates mainly to "New Service" schemes sanctioned by the Government in the course of the year. Provision has also been made for payment of osts awarded by the courts in certain suits in which the Government were impleaded as a party, and for expenditure which is likely to exceed the budget provision in some cases.

The main item included in the present supplementary estimate relates to the large expenditure incurred on the rehabilitation of the persons who had suffered on account of the cyclone in the southern districts. The total sum asked for on this account is about Rs. 3½ crores out of the total supplementary estimate of about Rs. 4·25 crores. It is expected that this expenditure will be

covered by loans and grants from the Government of India. Another large item relates to various schemes of industrial development, as explained in the detailed estimates. The total sum asked for under this grant amounts to about Rs. 25 lakhs.

With these words I commend the supplementary estimates for the acceptance of the House.

V.—PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEARS 1951–52 AND 1952–53.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. the Minister for Finance will present the Statement of Demands for Excess Expenditure in 1951–52 and 1952–53.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I present the Statements of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in the years 1951–52 and 1952–53. The appropriations originally provided for, in the Budget Estimates can never be expected to tally entirely with the actuals, and excesses under some grants are inevitable. The explanatory notes appended to the statements give the reasons for the excesses in each case. The Public Accounts Committee constituted for the years 1955–56 and 1956–57 at its meetings held during the course of 1955–56 and 1956–57 examined the reasons for the excesses and recommended that demands for grants to cover the excess expenditure over the final sanctioned appropriation under each grant might be presented to the Legislative Assembly. The reports of the Public Accounts Committee were published in January 1956 and May 1956 and action for moving the Demands for Excess Grants could not be taken till now, owing to the pressure of other Legislative business.

MR. SPEAKER : I would suggest that the Hon. Finance Minister and the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee follow the British practice that the Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure should be brought within the next following year. We are now having the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure incurred in 1951–52 and 1952–53.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I know we are taking up this statement after four or five years and it is not quite a satisfactory state of affairs. The Public Accounts Committee also has taken notice of this fact. We are trying our best to expedite, so that the statement may be brought before the Assembly as soon as possible.

VI.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move—

"That this House ratifies the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution of India by the Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament."